
COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- Updated Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines
- Disposal of Monovalent COVID-19 Vaccines
- COVID-19 Vaccine Training Information

As of April 19, 2023, CDC no longer recommends the use of monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccine

Updated Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines

CDC has updated the [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#) to reflect the following changes in the mRNA COVID-19 vaccination schedule:

- At the time of initial vaccination, depending on vaccine product, children ages 6 months–4 years are recommended to receive 2 or 3 bivalent mRNA vaccine doses; children aged 5 years are recommended to receive 1 or 2 bivalent mRNA vaccine doses.
- People ages 6 years and older who are unvaccinated or previously received only monovalent vaccine doses are recommended to receive 1 bivalent mRNA vaccine dose.
- People ages 65 years and older may receive 1 additional bivalent mRNA vaccine dose.

Additionally, updated clinical guidance for individuals who are immunocompromised will be updated within the week.

Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
 - [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
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Disposal of Monovalent COVID-19 Vaccines

CDC no longer recommends the use of monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. CDC now recommends the use of bivalent vaccine for all recommended mRNA COVID-19 vaccine dose(s). Moderna and Pfizer MONOVALENT mRNA COVID-19 vaccines should be disposed of at the provider level. The federal government does not have a method to return wasted or expired COVID-19 vaccines. To minimize the risk of administration error, providers should:

- Remove all monovalent mRNA vaccines from storage units immediately, even if the vaccine is not expired. This includes both EUA and BLA products (Comirnaty and Spikevax).
- Dispose of all monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccine vials in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.
- Report all disposed inventory as “Open vial but all doses not administered”. Healthcare providers can use the IRIS [Adjusting COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory for Wastage](#) instructions to account for these doses. IRIS staff are available to help manage IRIS inventory by calling 800-374-3958.

COVID-19 Vaccine Training Information

- For Pfizert live webinars, visit:
 - <https://www.pfizermedicalinformation.com/en-us/medical-updates>
 - For Moderna education resources, visit:
 - <https://eua.modernatx.com/home>
 - For Novavax resources and to register for weekly office hours, visit:
 - https://novavax.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwvdOiprjkhde8PYatLYaP9Z_gryJefrLo#/registration
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